THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of points raised in the meeting and replies/action taken on these points have been sent to the concerned Members of Parliament.

(c) to (e) Fresh/Additional emergency quota of 14 berths in five trains has been earmarked with Secretary (Transport), Government of Sikkim, Gangtok from the dates mentioned below: —

Train No.	Class	Fresh EQ	Additional EQ	Date of Effect
2423	3AC	-	2	13/10/07
2435	3AC	-	2	14/10/07
2505	2AC	2	-	13/10/07
4083	3AC	-	2	12/10/07
	SL	-	2	12/10/07
3150	2AC	2	-	13/10/07
	SL	-	2	13/10/07

Sakri-Jhanjharpur rail line

†731. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the narrow gauge railway line between Sakri to Jhanjharpur under the Samastipur railway division in East Central Railway, Hajipur is either damaged and collapsed every year due to heavy rains and floods or it is washed away at several places due to heavy current of water resulting in stoppage and disruption of train services for several weeks and some times even for months together; and

(b) if so, the reasons and the full details thereof together with the response of Government for its solution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. It is true that there have been incidence of breaches and washouts during unprecedented floods at various locations between Sakri to Jhanjharpur Meter Gauge Rail line under the Samastipur Division of East Central Railway. It is clarified that this Railway line is Meter Gauge and not Narrow Gauge.

(b) Immediate necessary action is taken by Railway for restoration of Rail services and repair and rehabilitation of damaged assets, whenever there is disruption of traffic and damage to Railway's assets due to unprecedented floods in the region. This problem of frequent breaches and washouts would be suitably taken care of during the Gauge Conversion of this section.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.